



Rapid Response (RR)

The Rapid Response team is part of the Omaha District's Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste Program. The team resolves environmental problems and issues for any federal agency. Whether it is a simple tank removal or a sophisticated soil vapor extraction system, a removal of a few buried drums or a residential lead removal action of several hundred properties, the Rapid team, along with their contract partners, is equipped to be on site and operational within three to 30 days from receipt of initial funding from the customer.

Mission

The mission of the Rapid Response team is to provide fast-track, turnkey solutions to environmental issues facing all federal government agencies both nationally and internationally.

Services

- o Experienced, dedicated staff trained and ready to mobilize.
- o Flexible cost-reimbursement contracts ensure cost efficiency to the government.
- o Pre-selected contractors with effective cost management values.
- o Real cradle-to-grave turnkey management, with clients as part of the team.
- o Problem-solving and resolving your environmental problems in a fast track, no-nonsense efficient approach.

Projects Supported

- o **Federal Response**
 - » Providing full-response service in situations where rapid or immediate response action is necessary to protect human life, public health or the environment.
- o **Homeland Defense/Security**
 - » Providing time-sensitive support to homeland defense/security initiatives involving the assessment and/or implementation of preventative measures to address facility vulnerabilities, or remediating damages or materials from an actual attack by a terrorist, terrorist organization or hostile country.
- o **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers missions**
 - » Providing full support to all USACE commands that directly request assistance in meeting their base mission needs where there is an immediate threat to human life, public health or the environment.
- o **Process Appropriate Projects**
 - » Projects that may not involve imminent threats to, but may have significant impacts on human life, public health or the environment. Rapid Response can support projects where unforeseen conditions are highly prevalent, the ability to provide a detailed design is impractical, and adverse impacts to human life, public health, and the environment could exist.



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Our customers

Since 1989, Rapid Response has completed more than 500 projects for federal agencies in all 50 states and in U.S. territories. Technical assistance, investigation, design, removal, remediation and oversight support services have been provided to the following agencies:

- o **Department of Defense (DoD)** - Aircraft crash cleanup, tank spill response, hydrant system repair/spill response, drum, asbestos, sediment and soil removal actions, design/build landfill cover systems, ocean barrier wall remedy and compliance assessments.
- o **Department of Homeland Security** - Removal of contents from mail sorting facilities considered highly-contaminated with anthrax. Chemical/biohazard protective design measures also have been implemented at key DoD facilities.
- o **Department of Interior** - Mine tailings removal and remediation under the Abandoned Mine Lands Program, as well as fuel spill response, landfill cover systems construction, and design and replacement of a dam spillway for the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- o **Department of Justice** - Underground storage tank investigations at three California Immigration & Naturalization Service sites.
- o **Defense Logistics Agency** - Drum removal and underground/aboveground storage tank spill response support.
- o **Federal Emergency Management Agency** - Supported the Emergency Broadcast Station tank program—conducting compliance assessments and developed spill prevention control and counter-measure plans for fuel storage tanks.
- o **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** - Nationwide support of non-time-critical remedial response actions under Superfund. Redeveloped properties under the Brownfields Program in California. Also provided nationwide support to all EPA and U.S. Coast Guard regions requiring non-time-critical remedial response actions for the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) and Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund Remediation projects.
- o **U.S. Postal Service (USPS)** - Removal and cleanup of anthrax contamination at various USPS mail-sorting facilities.

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